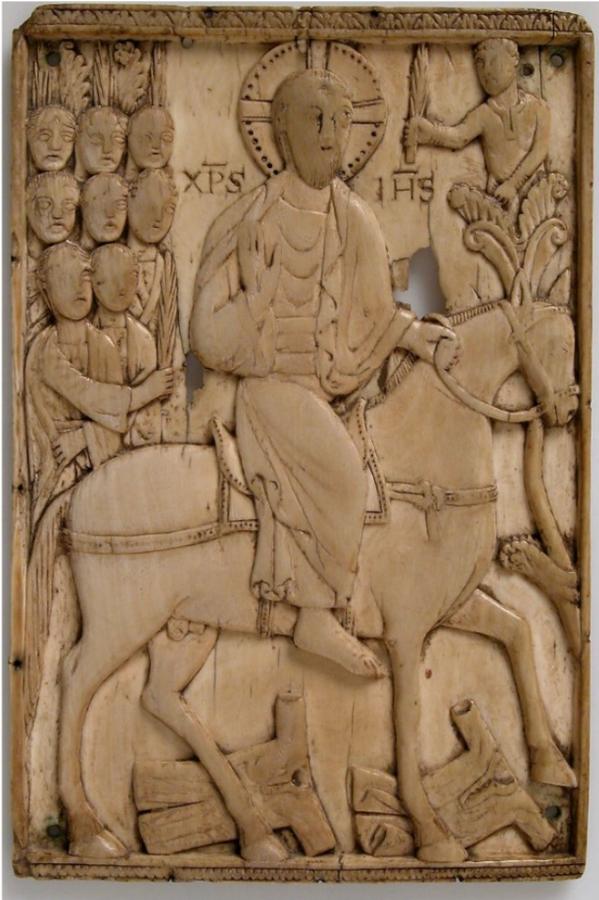


Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2026



Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined
what was to happen.

- from "The Poet Thinks about the Donkey"
by Mary Oliver

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY One Great Hour of Sharing Anne Dale

PRELUDE “The Holy City” Stephen Adams (arr. R.R. Peery)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Riley

One: Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!
Look, your king is coming to you.
He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—
even on a donkey’s colt.

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: You are our God, and we will praise You!

All: You are our God, and we will exalt You!

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

All: His faithful love endures forever!

*HYMN 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Triumphant God,
we join the crowds of the ages
in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory,
our lives seldom reflect your purposes.
We sing easily of your greatness,
but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation,
yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us.
Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done
and direct who we shall be.
Lord, save us. Hosanna!

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

#471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” verse 1

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” verse 2

*The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 188:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM “What Wondrous Love Is This” Arr. John S. Dixon
*Stanzas #1-3: See Hymn #215 for reference meditation.
Stanza #4: Congregation may stand to join choir,
singing with full heart and voice!*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Jessica Rigel

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight’s splendor;
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Sun, who all my life does brighten;
light, who does my soul enlighten;
joy, your wondrous gift bestowing;
fount, from which all good is flowing:
at your feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, your glory given.

3 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you
and, so favored, never leave you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER – CELTIC VERSION**

*Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people.
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.*

***HYMN 196**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
VALET WILL ICH GEBEN

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

2 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)

3 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

4 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Ride on, King Jesus”
Traditional Spiritual (arr. Myra Schubert)

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Jessica Rigel, Pastor
Ted Stewart, Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Elder of the Day: Natalie Daugherty

Liturgist: Dennis Riley

Fellowship Time: PNC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor information card, located on the right as you enter the chapel, and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING Plates are just inside the doors to the chapel as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: open-hearted presence here, voices lifted in song, the prayers that rise in us, the material gifts we share with neighbors, and our willingness to live in a world as allies and advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The monies we bring symbolize the offering of our lives in all circumstances. A separate labeled basket is available each week to receive Our Daily Change offerings.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We celebrate: Our new pastor, Rev. Jessica Rigel! ◦ **Elizabeth Cook**, for donating new pots/soil for the front of the Chapel, **Donna Eagle Joslin** for donating plant material and planting the pots, and **Munashe Matumbi** for helping with the heavy work of moving pots, etc.

We remember in prayer: John Laney in rehab at Highland Farms ◦ **Ernst Laursen** has been transferred to the VA Community Living Center for rehab ◦ **Lavada Owenby, Cindy Riley's mother**, who is home after a hospital stay and will undergo surgery in a few weeks

GUEST PIANIST We are delighted to welcome back Dr. Eunice Wonderly Stackhouse to help lead worship! Dr. Stackhouse has piano degrees from Grace College, Indiana University, and U of Kansas. She retired from 23 years at Montreat College, and is now a private piano instructor in Black Mountain. She has performed many classical recitals as well as countless services and ceremonies in numerous states.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Montreat Presbyterian Church has welcomed us to their Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 on March 26 and their Good Friday service at noon on March 27. Both are being held in Upper Anderson Auditorium.

EASTER BRUNCH Next week is our annual Easter Brunch at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a breakfast dish to share and come celebrate the season with your church family!

EASTER LILIES If you'd like to place a lily in honor/memory of someone for our Easter service on April 5, place your order today. Order forms and a collection envelope are in the narthex.

NEWSLETTER The next newsletter is currently planned for release in mid-April and will cover through early summer. All submissions and suggestions should be turned into the church office by April 8.

ADULT EDUCATION Mountain Institute for Lifelong Learning at WWC is a vessel for community building, exploration, adventure, place-based learning, and the ignition of new passion for lifelong learners. These are non-credit bearing experiences, ranging in length from one to three weeks, that bring learners to our campus or send them on global explorations with Warren Wilson faculty. Adults of all ages are encouraged to apply (18+). The majority of courses will take place on campus. More information at mountaininstitute.warren-wilson.edu

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is one of the yearly offerings of our denomination. It will be collected in worship on Easter Sunday. When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing:

- We create possibility for people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.
- We empower partners to build sustainable futures.
- We walk alongside our siblings to work for more just immigration laws and processes.
- We support recovery efforts when disasters devastate.

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The week ahead at WWPC

3/29	2:00 (UFH)	Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting
3/30	1:15 (AdEd)	Staff Meeting
3/30	2:30 (LFH)	Tai Chi/Qigong
4/1	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
4/1	4:00 (AdEd)	Communications
4/1	4:15 (Chapel)	College Choir Rehearsal
4/1	4:30 (UFH)	Spiritual Nurture
4/1	6:00 (AdEd)	Handbells
4/1	7:00 (Chapel)	Choir
4/3	9:00 (Youth)	Community Yoga
4/5	9:30 (UFH)	Easter Brunch Potluck

UFH - Upper Fellowship Hall

AdEd - Adult Classroom in the Education Building

LFH - Lower Fellowship Hall

Parlor - Chapel Parlor

Youth - Lower Classroom in the Education Building



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*At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers,
single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white,
prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole – and
everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity,
yet as a joyful, caring, and loving community of faith,
we are one in Christ!*